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SUBJECT: EXIM FINANCING FOR RICE MILL

- 1. AS EMBASSY AWARE EXIMBANK HAS ISSUED TO FOOD CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL (HOUSTON) A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT TO ASSIST IN FINANCING ESTIMATED DOLS 2.5 MILLION COST OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RICE MILLING FACILITY. BORROWER WOULD BE NEW SAUDI COMPANY, SAUDIA INTERNATIONAL RICE CO. LTD., WHICH IS TO BE OWNED 49 PERCENT BY U.S. SPONSORS AND 51 PERCENT BY PRIVATE SAUDI INTERESTS.
- 2. IN SUPPORT OF LOAN APPLICATION WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO EXIM WITHIN A MONTH OR SO, WE WOULD REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT SAG IS AWARE OF THE PROJECT AND EXIMBANK'S ROLE IN THE FINANCING AND POSES NO OBJECTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH SAG AGENCY IS EMPOWERED TO ISSUE SUCH STATEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAG.
- 3. U.S. SPONSORS OF PROJECT STATE THAT THE SAUDI COMPANY UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE GIVEN A FIVE YEAR TAX MORATORIUM AND THAT SAG WOULD

NOT ISSUE LICENSES FOR COMPETITIVE RICE MILLING FACILITY IN FUTURE UNLESS IT COULD BE SHOWN THAT PROPOSED U.S./SAUDI FACILITY UNABLE TO MEET NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH SAG AGENCY OR AGENCIES COULD ISSUE SUCH COMMITMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAG. KISSINGER

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